Salvage of paddy sacks.

387. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of sacks of rice and paddy salvaged in the Travancore ports in 1106, 1107 and 1108 respectively;

(*b*) whether the respective Port Conservators have issued salvage certificates to the Shipping Agents.

(*c*) whether the steamers in which these sacks of rice and paddy were imported into the State are covered by any insurance;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that this identical question was sent by me on 28-2-1109; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement containing the information required by the member is placed on the table.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Information was collected on the points contained in the interpellation; but by the time it could be answered, the November Session of the Assembly was over.

Road Boards.

388. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the reasons which prompted them to constitute the Road Boards in Travancore; and

(*b*) the reasons for abolishing them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) The member is referred to G. O. No. R. Dis. 132/30/P. W., dated 24-1-1930, a †copy of which is laid on the table.

(*b*) The Road Boards have not been abolished. They have only been temporarily suspended as the recommendations made by the Boards during the time were functioning have provided enough work to be carried out for some years to come. The question of reviving the Boards is under the consideration of Government.

The Kollakadavu bridge.

389. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With regard to the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chenganur—Mavelikara road, will the Government be pleased to state whether steps have been taken by the Public Works Department regarding the construction of the bridge, and if so, what and when?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. The estimate received from the Division Officer is under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer.

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* Vide Appendix XII

† Vide Appendix XIII

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Appendix XIII.

***Vide* Question No. 388.**

Proceedings of the Government of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent of Travancore.

Read :—

(1) Letter No. 1885, dated the 20th July 1927, from the Chief Engineer.

(2) Letter R. O. C. No. 3420/27/P. W., dated the 30th July 1927, to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

(3) Letter C. No. 2698/27, dated the 24th November 1927, from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

(4) Letter R. O. C. No. 3420/27/P. W., dated the 7th May 1928 to the Chief Engineer.

(5) Letter No. 2601, dated the 6th August 1928, from the Chief Engineer.

(6) Letter No. 3325, dated the 27th October 1928, from the Chief Engineer.

(7) Letter R. O. C. No. 3420/27/P. W., dated the 30th January 1929, to the Chief Chgineer.

(8) Letter No. 527, dated the 11th February 1929, from the Chief Engineer.

(9) Letter R. O. C. No. 3420/27 P. W., dated the 11th April 1929, to the Chief Engineer.

(10) Letter No. 1303, dated the 12th April 1929, from the Chief Engineer.

The Chief Engineer has reported that in addition to the several representations made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council for the improvements of the means of communication in the State, a large number of petitions are being received by him from the public direct and through Government, for the construction of new roads, canals and bridges. He has accordingly brought to the notice the necessity of dealing with these questions in a comprehensive manner, with a view to lay down a definite policy and programme, to which the P. W. D. may apply itself, instead of dealing with them individually as at present. He has reported that for want of definite programme it was not possible to conduct the necessary investigation and to prepare the estimates in a systematic manner, with the result that road development in recent years has not been proceeding on definite lines, the works taken up being dependent on the measure of insistence of the demand. With a view to remedy the above defect and to enable a definite programme of work being formulated, the Chief Engineer has suggested the desirability of constituting Boards for the purpose of advising Government in the matter of the opening, improvement and maintenance of roads, bridges and waterways in the State and to co-ordinate the undertakings of the P. W. D. in this respect.

Order R. Dis. No. 132/30/P. W.
dated, Trivandrum, 24th January 1930.

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Her Highness' Government have carefully considered the above proposal of the Chief Engineer. They consider that the formation of Boards will remedy the want of a proper organisation to advise the P. W. D. and the Government in regard to the selection of works in the order of their importance and urgency and to enable the Government to follow a settled programme in the matter of development of communications in the State. Accordingly, Government have decided to constitute a Central Board for the whole State and 6 District Boards, one for each of the P. W. Divisions of Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon, Kottayam and Alwaye and the region comprising the P. W. Sub-Divisions of Peermade and the High Range to advise the Government in the matter of the opening, improvement and maintenance of communications in the State. The rules for the constitutions and working of these Boards are appended in this order.

(By order)
Sd. K. GEORGE,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Engineer.
The Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.
The Account Officer.
The Gazette.
The Press Room.

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